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Clarke County Easement News

FALL

2009

Easement Holdings Top 3,000 Acres 19 DURs Extinguished in 2009

By year-end it is expected that the Authority will have accepted easements on 597.77 acres of land—and extinguished 19 DURs—bringing the acreage it holds in permanent protection to a new high of 3,180.63 acres. This the second largest amount accepted in a single year since the Authority’s founding in 2003.

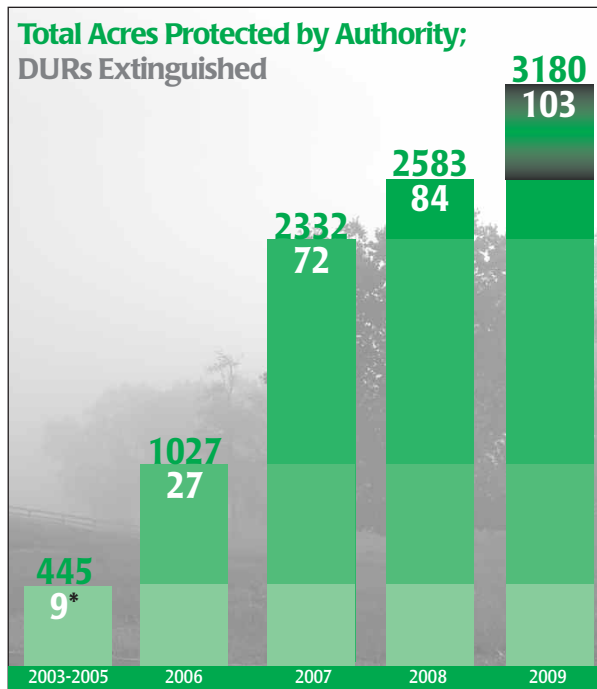
Over a third of that projected acreage is at Holy Cross Abbey located in the northeast corner of the county. Owned by the Community of Cistercians, the parcel contains prime soils and has been farmed continuously since colonial times. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this magnificent acreage was ranked seven—on a scale of one to eight—by the Virginia Conservation Lands Needs Assessment in terms of its vulnerability to development.

The Easement Authority matched funds it received from the Federal Farm and Ranchland Grant to purchase the easement—one of three purchases made this year and accounting for 459 of the 597 acres protected. Donor contributions were used to help make that match as well as to cover closing costs on three donated easements also added this year.

Keeping Score

Easements & Acreage: Purchased & Donated

	Purchased	Donated	Acreage	DURs retired
2003	1	—	144.58	3
2004	1	1	34.7	1+13 lots in Boyce
2005	1	7	312.6	5
2006	2	5	579.36	18
2007	—	22	1,260.98	45
2008	2	5	250.64	12
2009	3	3	597.77	19
Total	10	43	3,180.639	103



*Plus 13 building lots in Boyce

Attention Shutterbugs! Capture the beauty of Clarke County and (maybe) become a celebrity!

The Easement Authority is launching a photo contest to honor the November opening of the Clarke County Historical Association’s new museum exhibit: “Our Land Is Our Legacy.”

Participants are invited to submit up to three photos they’ve taken of open space in Clarke County. The winning entries will be exhibited in February in a special show at Berryville Main Street’s new Fire House Gallery.

The contest will be judged by noted commercial and editorial photographer, Matthew Klein, whose

magnificent photos of Clarke County are included in the exhibit.

Klein has taught at Parsons School of Design and Pratt Institute in New York. During his career, he has photographed fifty-seven cookbooks—and written one, *The Joy of Ice Cream*. Winner of numerous awards, Klein’s exhibitions include “Graphics in the City” in Milan, Italy with Milton Glaser, which featured over 3,000 photographs describing the depth and scope of urban graphic expression. A resident of New York City, Klein spends as much time as possible in Clarke County photographing its beautiful landscape.

Contest details and applications are available after October 26th at www.clarkecounty.gov. (Click on Conservation Easements; then click on “Photo Contest” in the Index). Or pick up an application at the Clarke County Planning Department, 2nd Floor, 101 Chalmers Court.



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By any measure, 2009 has been a difficult year. Yet our donors have stayed the course—continuing to support open space preservation. You’ll find our donor “Honor Roll” on the reverse side, with the names of those who gave this year in bold. If you haven’t donated at all—or as yet—this year, we welcome your support and accept with gratitude whatever you can give.

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